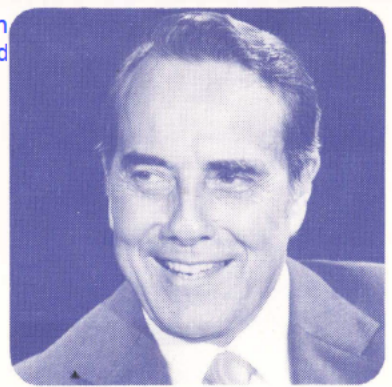


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## STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

### THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

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The reauthorization of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) will give us an opportunity to evaluate this very popular program for its effectiveness. Although it has fewer problems than most federal nutrition programs, there may be ways it could be improved. In particular, we need to make certain, since this program serves only about one-third of the eligible population, that available program benefits are being targeted to those women, infants and children who are most nutritionally at risk.

Although most federal nutrition programs have undergone at least one round of budget cuts, the WIC program has fared very well by comparison. It is a reflection of its popularity and well-known effectiveness that, during a time when other programs were being cut back, the WIC program was maintained at a level of funding that even permitted it to expand its caseload from 2.2 million participants in 1980 to 3 million participants in 1983. This program has earned the confidence of the Congress and, as a result, enjoys strong bipartisan support. There are very few federal programs that can bring to mind such an exemplary track record in terms of performance.